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Art Rejections:

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this

Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(e), (f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

3. Claims 1-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Takatsu, U.S. pat. Appl. Pub. No. 2002/0087414.

Per claims 1-3, Takatsu discloses a system and method for managing a communication interface between an order generating program that generates an order and an order processing program that processes/settles the order comprising:

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- a) monitoring time that has elapsed since the order was passed from the order generating program (server 11) to the order processing program (server 3) (see par. 98-100 and 176);
- b) determining that the order processing/settlement has not completed after a predetermined time period, and removing the monitored order from the monitoring queue (see par. 177).

Takatsu does not explicitly teach restarting the communication interface between the order generating program and order processing program.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to utilize any conventional error processing (clean-up) steps in Takatsu because it would have enabled the monitoring program continuing to operate properly to monitor elapsed times of other pending orders.

Per claims 4-9, it would have been further obvious to one skilled in the art to utilize any time thresholds in practicing Takatsu's invention.

Per claim 10, the generation of a report or logged event in response to a detected error is well known in the art.

Claims 11-21 are similar in scope as that of claims 1-10.

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Conclusion:

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Viet Vu whose telephone number is 571-272-3977. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 7:00am to 4:00pm. The Group general information number is 571-272-2100. The Group fax number is 571-273-8300.

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